

Milwaukee County

Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., 1st District

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BOARD APPROVES MODIFIED PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recently passed a <u>resolution</u> authored by Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., that would enroll Milwaukee County in a new modified version of the National Association of Counties (NACo) prescription drug discount card program.

The program offers discounts on prescription drugs to anyone who is currently paying out-of-pocket for uninsured medications. Milwaukee County is enrolled in the NACo prescription drug discount card program, which has provided \$1.3 million in discounts for County residents. The new modified program proposed by Supervisor Lipscomb would still provide an average savings of 25% per prescription but would also generate additional income for the County.

"The discount card enables residents to save money on prescription drugs for themselves, their families, and even their pets. The only change under the new modified program is that a small percentage of the discount from each prescription filled will come back to Milwaukee County. It's simple, yet fiscally positive," said Supervisor Lipscomb.

The County will receive \$1 each time a prescription is filled using the drug card, which may total \$15,600 based on 2011 usage levels.

"Given our current economic situation, I am glad to offer a creative way to generate additional income for Milwaukee County services, without raising taxes," said Supervisor Lipscomb.

Milwaukee County residents are able to obtain a prescription drug discount card regardless of age or income. There is no paperwork to fill out, and 9 out of 10 pharmacies participate in the program. For more information, or to sign up for a free prescription drug discount card, please visit http://www.caremark.com/naco, or contact your Milwaukee County Supervisor at 414-278-4222.